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Bankers and Merchants Memorialize McKinley.

### THE GREAT LOSS TO TRADE

They Say That if the Cuban Struggle Continues We Will Lose One Hundred Million Dollars Annually, and the Island Will Be Destroyed—An Important Expression.

A memorial by New York bankers and merchants, asking President McKinley to take steps to end the war in Cuba was presented to the President yesterday, and later placed on file at the State Department. It is signed by many banking and commercial firms of the highest financial standing in New York, and is considered to be one

### PARIS GREATLY EXCITED

Zola the Sole Topic of Conversation.

### NO JUSTICE IN THE COURTS

The Trial is a Perfect Tragedy on Justice—Witnesses refuse to Testify and the Whole Proceeding is Little More than a Farce—The Excitable Element.

Paris is in a ferment. The population is divided as to whether Zola is in the right or wrong.

The natural love for things military leads the French people to a somewhat prejudiced view of the case. Yesterday Zola was in danger of being lynched by the mob, and his friends had to make a dash for it to save him.

The trial is considered by everyone to be a perfect farce, and the real issue of the case will probably not come to light.

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## DE LOME TO BE DISMISSED

### His Immediate Recall Demanded by the State Department.

#### PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS CABLED TO MADRID

The Spanish Minister's Refusal to Deny the Canalejas Letter Leads to Drastic Action—Reply Will Be Received From General Woodford Today.

Dupuy de Lome has practically acknowledged the authorship of a letter which shows him to be a trickster in political and a blackguard in private life—a letter attacking the President of the country to which he is accredited, and inviting co-operation in perpetrating a fraud upon it by entering into a commercial treaty without the intention or expectation of keeping faith.

The letter was written last January, since which time, smug and hypocritical, he has not only been entertained at the table of the man he slandered, but has professed profound respect and admiration for the American President.

In the face of all this Judge Day, de facto head of the State Department, gave out for publication last night the following:

"Minister Dupuy de Lome does not deny the letter. This department has communicated with Gen. Woodford on the subject. Until that communication reaches the Spanish government it would not be proper to more fully state the contents of the message to Minister Woodford."

The foregoing may mean that, stinging under the insult, this Government has notified Spain that it will no longer recognize Dupuy de Lome, and that he will be given his passports.

But the consensus of opinion is that it means nothing of the kind. If De Lome's dismissal without the opportunity of gracefully retiring in response to a letter of recall had been determined upon, the fellow would have had his passports served to him last night with his supper.

The statement of Judge Day probably implies that De Lome will be recalled by his own government. His refusal to deny that he wrote the obnoxious letter leaves Spain no alternative of course but to comply with America's demand.

Thus, instead of being kicked out of office and drummed out of the country, as he richly deserves to be, De Lome will quit with far more conventional credit than Lord Sackville did in 1888.

And yet the English plenipotentiary at the worst indiscreet, while the Spaniard adds to the crime of duplicity the vice of vulgarity.

Yesterday's developments.

There has been no previous day the beginning of the present Administration when there has been so much excitement at the White House and the State Department as there was at those two places yesterday. The morning papers had informed the President before breakfast of the abusive letter Dupuy de Lome had written, and it was with considerable impatience that he waited for the hour when Judge Day usually enters the State Department.

The Assistant Secretary of State had also read the letter and it had the effect of hastening him to his office.

When he arrived there he found a communication from the President, which he hastily read, and immediately sent for Mr. Adee, the Second Assistant Secretary of State. The two officials consulted together for a long time, during which Mr. Adee explained to Judge Day the proceedings in the cases of Sackville-West, minister from Great Britain, and Mr. Thurston, minister from Hawaii, each of whom had made himself persona non grata to this Government. Mr. Adee is the diplomatic expert at the State Department. He has been connected with it a quarter of a century, always filling important diplomatic positions, and he is considered a complete encyclopedia of information in respect to diplomatic questions of all characters.

When Judge Day was placed in possession of all the information he required he went immediately to the White House, and orders were given by the President that he was not to be interrupted by anyone.

These instructions were, of course, carried out to the letter, to the regret of a large number of Senators, Representatives and office-seekers, who desired to see Mr. McKinley on public and private business.

Conference with the President.

The conference by the President and Judge Day lasted considerably more than an hour, and during it Secretary Porter was twice sent for to receive some instructions. While the President

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dent and Judge Day conferred, the latter took from a pocket a number of letters that had been written by Dupuy de Lome and he and the President carefully compared the handwriting with that shown in a copy of the Canalejas communication.

The President and Judge Day became satisfied after the comparison of the chirography and a study of the construction of the photographed letter that there was no room for doubt as to the author of the abusive letter, and agreed that it had unquestionably been written by the Spanish Minister.

When these conclusions had been reached Mr. McKinley directed Judge Day to communicate with Minister Dupuy de Lome and to place the subject before him, requesting that the Minister should avail himself of the opportunity afforded to deny the authorship of the letter, or to make whatever explanations proper relative to it.

Judge Day returned to the State Department and immediately sent a note by a messenger to Mr. Dupuy de Lome. During the afternoon a reply was received from the Spanish minister. The document was diplomatically worded and constructed, but devoid of all diplomacy. It did not contain any denial that Mr. Dupuy de Lome wrote the obnoxious letter. The reply of the Spanish minister was submitted to the President, and with a show of indignation seldom seen in him, he instantly directed Judge Day to cable the facts to Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, with instructions to at once submit the matter to the Spanish authorities.

The contents of the message has not been made known, but enough has been ascertained about it to make it practically certain that Gen. Woodford's instructions were to inform the Spanish government that Mr. Dupuy de Lome is persona non grata, and that the President desires his recall immediately.

No Reply From Madrid.

Last night at a late hour it was said at the White House that no reply had been received from Minister Woodford, and that the cablegram expected from him would be sent to the State Department direct, for the President had left the whole matter with the department.

One of the reasons alleged for this was that inasmuch as the President had been made the object of attack in the Spanish Minister's letter, he thought it would be more proper for him not to appear further in the correspondence relating to the affair, and that the State Department should have full charge of it.

It was not denied at the White House that, although the reply from Mr. Woodford would go to the State Department, yet a duplicate copy of it might be sent to the White House. The President indicated that he did not expect any information from Spain before morning by retiring for the night at about 11 o'clock.

Judge Day said at a late hour that he had not received any communication from Gen. Woodford, and that the hour had become so late he did not expect to hear from him before morning.

An attaché of the department said later that it was not at all probable that if a dispatch from Minister Woodford should arrive late in the night that it would be opened. He added that there could be nothing in the expected reply that would be urgent enough to cause a translation, to be sent for at such a late hour. It takes one of the State Department experts two hours to translate a cipher dispatch of 300 words.

Judge Day expressed a reply from Minister Woodford before noon to-day, but delay may be occasioned by the Spanish premier, who might ask for a summary of the case to enable him to confer with the members of the cabinet, and should this course be pursued an answer from Spain may not be received at all to-day, but should this delay take place

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the State Department believes Minister Woodford will cable the fact. It was understood last night from the best authority that if the Spanish minister is not recalled by his government he will be furnished his passports.

Mr. Dupuy de Lome sent word to a Times reporter, who called to see him last night, that he was engaged and would be engaged all the evening.

HAS DE LOME RESIGNED?

Report That He Cabled His Intentions Yesterday.

According to information which comes from a source usually so accurate that there is no reason to doubt its

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## THEY ACT LIKE MANIACS

### Lawyers and Officers Fight at M. Zola's Trial.

### A RIOT IN THE COURTROOM

The Government's Policy to Suppress the Truth Starts the Trouble and the Struggling Mass Is Driven Into the Street at the Point of Bayonets.

Paris, Feb. 9.—The rioting at the sensational trial of M. Zola was today transferred to the court room itself. The proceedings were not only interrupted by noise and disorder, but pandemonium reigned.

The spectators, lawyers and officers of the court were seized with sudden fury and fought like maniacs. Order was not restored until the whole mass of struggling madmen was driven out at the point of the bayonet.

The sole cause of the miserable scene was the repetition of the government's resolve to suppress the truth at all hazards. And proof of the impossibility of suppressing this great scandal was given when a cabinet minister, who held office at the time Dreyfus was condemned, affirmed the latter's guilt, but refused his reasons for the statement and then a former associate, who was at the head of the department of justice with equal positiveness affirmed Dreyfus's innocence.

The president of the court, nevertheless, calmly repeated his refusal to allow the question of Dreyfus's guilt to be reopened, although this is the sole issue underlying this so-called trial.

M. Zola makes no secret of his expectation that he will be condemned. After the court was called to order, Gen. Gonze was called to the witness stand. He pleaded the privilege of professional secrecy and refused to give the details asked for in regard to certain letters written by him to Col. Picquart, which seem to show that in 1896 he (Gonze) believed in the innocence of Capt. Dreyfus.

Maitre Labori protested hotly against the rights of the defense being violated.

Gen. Gonze replied that the only rights that had been violated were that he had been outraged by Zola in his campaign. A wordy battle between counsel and witness then ensued.

In the wild scene of uproar which followed their dispute it was asserted that Gen. Gonze struck M. Labori, but this was contradicted later. The public and the lawyers came to blows and free fighting, which ended in the courtroom being resumed.

Upon the resumption of proceedings M. Labori received permission to allow the publication in the Aurore today the three letters which he had written to Col. Picquart. He knew nothing, he said, of the communication of any secret evidence of the Dreyfus court-martial. The judges had no objection to the newspaper's publication of documents connected with the case. The committing of such indiscretions must have been due to Capt. Dreyfus's family.

M. Labori demanded of Gen. Mercler be confronted with M. Dreyfus, Prosecutor Von Cassel objected, and a heated argument followed.

Gen. Mercler said: "It is false that we communicated any secret documents."

M. Labori—Then the witness refuses to reply respecting the communication of the document?

The President—And he is quite right. M. Labori insisted upon his question being answered. Gen. Mercler then said with emphasis:

"Since you want my soldier's word I give it to you. What I can affirm is that Dreyfus is a man of war, a man of duty and a man of honor."

The court ruled that the questions to be put to M. Dreyfus must be limited to the Esterhazy affair.

M. Tarriz, ex-minister of justice, also testified. His testimony was a long and lucid speech recording the development of his conviction respecting the illegality of the Dreyfus court-martial, and the necessity of a revision of his trial. He also affirmed that there was a mere semblance of a hearing at the Esterhazy court-martial. His speech was frequently interrupted by cries of approval and disapproval.

The police today smuggled M. Zola out of the palace of justice through a side entrance. There was a great crowd in front of the building waiting to greet yesterday's inmate, but the people were disappointed, as they did not see M. Zola when he left.

VON DER AHE'S KIDNAPERS.

An Attempt Will Be Made to Apprehend Them.

St. Louis, Feb. 9.—Chris Von der Ahe's abduction by a Pittsburg detective on Monday night has developed into a huge sensation.

Gov. Stephens says the affair is the strangest incident in his career. He considers Nimick as guilty as Detective Bendel, and declares that if warrants are issued for the culprits he will grant a requisition on the governor of Pennsylvania.

To add to Von der Ahe's troubles, his wife this afternoon filed a cross-bill in the divorce suit which he recently instituted.

CHALLENGED BY A VETERAN.

The Breckinridges Called Out by Capt. T. E. Moore.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 8.—Desha Breckinridge, editor and manager of the Lexington Herald, and his father, Col. W. C. Breckinridge, who writes his son's editorials, were challenged to a duel by Capt. T. E. Moore, of Shawhan, Ky., in a card published today. Capt. Moore is about seventy years of age, his right arm is paralyzed from a gunshot wound received while fighting for the Confederacy, and he is known to be a man of unflinching courage.

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